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1. In late August 1951, Volkspolizei Dienststelle (VPD) [] in Brandenburg-Hohenstuecken numbered about 1,800 police. About 400 to 500 had been recruited since January 1951. Two hundred members of the unit were candidates who were recruited in early May 1951. *
2. Weapons observed with the unit included: about 1,000 rifles and carbines of various German and Soviet types; 12 to 14 model 42 light machine guns; 26 model 34 light machine guns; 8 model 08/15 heavy machine guns; 1 new Soviet 76.2-mm AT gun which was adjusted with about 25 rounds by Soviet soldiers in Justerbog; 1 new Soviet 122-mm field howitzer; 1 new Soviet 122-mm mortar with limber, which was recently adjusted in Justerbog; 1 unserviceable T-34 tank, built in 1938, which had come from the Brandenburg-Briest airfield in mid-April 1951; 1 old inserviceable 75-mm SP gun; 1 German 75-mm infantry gun which was not be used by order of the Sovietnik; 1 unserviceable heavy German mortar; about 12 light mortars, including 6 Soviet mortars, which were not yet adjusted; and 1 British ammunition prime mover which became unserviceable after ploughing the drill ground.
3. The summer camp of the unit was in the woods near Kerchesar in the Rathenow area. An artillery firing range was to be built near Seltershof where a repair shop was located. An artillery demonstration was held there in the presence of Colonel Makarov. (Inu), and all VPD chiefs, chiefs of the artillery Komandos and HVA representatives in early April. The demonstration which lasted for two weeks involved German model 18 light field howitzers as training guns, and the activity of observation post and fire position constituted the problem. **
4. Gas instruction on the antigas paulin and of Losantin was given to the unit in February and March 1951. Fifty Soviet gasmasks consisting of canisters with hoses were supplied from the Central Supply Depot in Berlin [] in early June 1951. 25X1
5. Officers of the VPD included:

Rank and Name

Appointment

VP Inspekteur Wagner (Inu)

Commanding officer, who attended an instruction course in the U.S.S.R.

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Rank and NameAppointment

VP Oberret Tilsch (fnu)
 VP Oberret Saenge (fnu)
 VP Rat Mai, (fnu)
 VP Kommandeur Pietzuch (fnu)

PK officer
 Director of training
 Chief of staff
 Director of artillery training, an ex-officer,
 who attended an instruction course in the
 U.S.S.R.
 Officer in charge of technical equipment, who
 was alleged to have been commandant of a VP
 school

VP Kommandeur Schilke (fnu)

1st propagandist
 PKK officer
 SSD liaison officer
 SSD liaison officer, formerly a Nazi Youth
 leader

VP Rat Kornsee (fnu)
 VP Oberret Krueger (fnu)
 VP Oberret Bitter (fnu)
 VP Rat Kalitzki (fnu)

Signal Officer
 Supply officer
 Commanding officer of 1st Kommando, a veteran
 of the Spanish Civil War.
 Commanding officer of the 4th Kommando.

VP Oberret Wolk (fnu)
 VP Rat Hoffmann (fnu)
 VP Oberret Truxa (fnu)

VP Oberkommissar Zorn (fnu)

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